GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:694
ANSWERED ON:13.05.2005
DISTRESS OF COTTON SECTOR
Reddy Shri Magunta Sreenivasulu

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Cotton Sector is in deep distress due to the cumulative effect of drought, increased cost of cultivation and declining subsidies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take immediate steps to resolve the crisis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 694 FOR ANSWER ON 13.05.2005

(a) Looking at the domestic production and consumption of cotton during the cotton years 2002-03 to 2004 -05 (given below), the Government does not consider that the Indian cotton sector is in deep distress.

(In Lakh bales of 170 Kg. each)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (Estimated)
Production of cotton	136.00	177.00	232.00
Consumption of cotton	168.83	173.96	198.00

Source: Cotton Advisory Board

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.